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Winnipeg General Hospital, 1875

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WINNIPEG GENERAL HOSPITAL

In its infancy, Winnipeg was without adequate hospital facilities, and by 1872 with its mushrooming growth the need was urgent for the immediate establishment of a general hospital. Temporary quarters were found at several locations, but it was not until 1875 that a parcel of land was donated by Messrs Andrew McDermot and A. G. B. Barnnatyne (which is the present site) and a hospital building erected and named "The Winnipeg General Hospital".

With the ever increasing tide of immigration, the hospital facilities were declared inadequate, and an addition was built in 1884. In the same year the hospital was affiliated with the University of Manitoba Medical College. It is interesting to note that the annual budget for drugs and medicine was \$340.00, whereas today it is \$350,000.00.

The first operating room was installed in the hospital in 1888 and did double duty in providing accommodation for surgery and for the graduation exercises of the first class of nurses. This expansion program was accompanied with an urgent need for trained nurses, and, to answer this situation the training of nurses was commenced as a function of the Winnipeg General, and in the following year, a Nurses' Residence and Training School was opened — the first in Western Canada.

An ever-increasing population in Winnipeg resulted in the need for further development of the hospital, and, in 1909, a new Nurses' Residence was constructed, followed by the construction of the East and West Wings of the hospital in 1911. Growth, from this time until the year 1950, was uneventful. However, the commencement of this decade marked another period of progress and expansion in the hospital facilities. The Women's Pavilion was opened on Notre Dame Avenue in 1950, followed by a separate school of nursing in 1956, which accommodates 223 students — one of the largest nursing schools in Canada. In 1957, a new residence for medical staff and interns was constructed, and a new Children's Hospital was completed to receive infant patients from all parts of the Province. Finally, in 1958, the new and greatly expanded Winnipeg General Hospital was opened. This new building contains every modern facility for the care and treatment of patients. It has three fully equipped laboratories, seventeen operating rooms, attractive administration offices, pharmacy, X-ray, physiotherapy and Out-Patient Department facilities, and has increased accommodation to 900 patients.

The Winnipeg General Hospital is governed by a Board of 35 Trustees with Dr. L. O. Bradley as Administrator. In addition to a medical staff of 400 doctors, a staff of 2,000, including nurses, orderlies, office and general personnel, is required to attend to the needs of its patients.

Plans for future expansion are now being completed, which will result in the development of a medical centre, to be one of the foremost on the continent, occupying a square mile with the present hospital buildings forming the axis of the development.

The Winnipeg General Hospital is a monument to those who contributed to its building — the symbol of hope and of dedication to the service of the community.



Children's Hospital

Winnipeg General Hospital, 1960

